



SPCU Chairman's Report for Season 2020

"Hello, can you hear me?" a phrase I never thought I would be using so predominantly a year ago. It would be hard to have missed the global pandemic which has had a devastating impact on the country and an incredibly detrimental effect on the 2020 season.

As always, I would like to pay tribute and thanks to all the volunteers across the SPCU for all the hard work they do week in week out. I understand that 2020 has required even more from the same volunteers to ensure that the clubs can provide a COVID secure environment alongside their usual tasks of preparing the fantastic pitches we play on, facilitating the training sessions and assisting in organisational set up of their clubs and teams.

For the first time, members of the management committee hosted Zoom sessions to consult with our member clubs to gather their feedback and outline our vision for 2021. To those who took the time to attend and contribute towards this, thank you. This informed the Management Committee to areas which our members found difficult in 2020 and allow us to ensure we have the best chance of having some form of cricket in 2021. As we outlined, we will be doing so again as we approach the season.

The SPCU Management Committee have had to majorly change the way they operate and believe that significant progress has been made in bringing the committee into the 21st century with fully embracing technology. We continue to be predominantly voluntary and would like to welcome anyone who can offer their assistance to get in touch with one of the management committee to discuss further about how you could help.

I would like to finally thank all my colleagues on the various SPCU committees for their contribution throughout the year. Due to work and other cricketing commitments linked to my umpiring career, I have intimated to the committee that I will be standing down at the AGM and would like to thank everyone who has assisted me in this role.

My best wishes to you, your family, friends and clubs in the SPCU for 2021 in what I hope will be a brighter year for us all.